



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## GOOD WEEK FOR HARVEST

Cotton and soybean harvest progress continued on target with the normal pace in spite of rainfall received late in the week. In addition to harvest activities last week, producers were actively drilling wheat, stripping tobacco, preparing tobacco for sale, applying lime, and marketing calves. Cattle producers started preparing for the winter months and pastures continued to be rated in fair-to-good condition for this time of year.

There were 6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. Temperatures averaged near to slightly above normal and rainfall averaged below normal across the state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	71	59	70	67	Pastures	1	7	33	52	7
Soybeans – Harvested	66	48	63	65						
Burley Tobacco – Harvested	98	93	100	99						
Burley Tobacco – Stripped	19	15	30	27						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	53	34	54	44						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	25	8	27	16						

### County Agent Comments

*“In the county, wheat planting is well underway and farmers continue to harvest soybean and cotton. With weather permitting, most farmers will complete harvest ahead of schedule. Cattle producers are making final hay preparations for winter months and doing some fall vaccinations.”*  
**J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County**

*“Soybean and cotton yields are better than expected.”*  
**Richard Buntin, Crockett County**

*“The farmers in Fayette County were busy this week harvesting cotton and beans. Rain moved in on Friday and so did cooler weather. This put a halt to most activities until the first of next week.”*  
**Jeffery Via, Fayette County**

*“Friday's rain has put a stop to harvesting the crops. Cotton harvest was full speed ahead this week. Soybean harvest is going pretty good with above average yield being reported. Harvest has been a slow-go this year due to the rains every week. Wheat seeding has picked up this week.”*  
**Jake Mallard, Madison County**

*“Rainfall on Friday put a halt to the six day harvest run experienced by county producers. Soybean harvest is well on its way to completion and wheat seeding is moving forward at a rapid pace.”*  
**Jeff Lannom, Weakly County**

*“Soil moisture is above average this time of year due to the wet month of October. Cool season grasses should have no trouble becoming established if overseeded in September.”*  
**David Cook, Davidson County**

*“Soybean harvest about wrapped up. Heavy rains 10 days ago halted bean harvest temporarily but allowed for wheat planting early last week. Some light scattered frost found throughout the county over the weekend.”*  
**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*“We have had our best week in a while to be in the field. Corn harvest is about over and soybean harvest came along great this week. Pastures are beginning to slow down but our winter annuals are beginning to look good at least the ones the army worms didn't get.”*  
**Larry Moorehead, Moore County**

*“With the exception of a few stray showers at week's end that produced from a trace to 0.15 inch of rain, and above average temperatures, producers had good week for field activities. Most producers took advantage of the good weather by sowing or preparing wheat land in the morning and harvesting beans or cotton in the afternoon.”*  
**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*“Soybean harvest is really picking up. Corn harvest is moderate. 95% of fall hay finished this week.”*  
**Scott Chadwell, Putnam County**

*“A little rain, warm temps continue. Soybean harvest is going full blast where the ground is not too wet. Good yields being reported.”*  
**J. Dale Beaty, Warren County**

*“Soybean harvest continued with mild weather and emerging wheat was sustained with light rains on Sunday. Pasture growth has improved slightly. However, several producers are feeding hay due to reduced grass stands in pastures resulting from the summer drought.”*  
**John Wilson, Blount County**

*“Corn harvest is complete. Beans are either really good or really poor. The last of hay was baled up this week too.”*  
**John Goddard, Loudon County**

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION  
For week ending: October 28, 2012 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending October 28, 2012				Current Week 10/28/12	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	83	33	60	3	0.35	1	36.73	-5.32	26.23	-1.87
Brownsville_TN	82	37	61	4	0.41	2	29.37	-12.55	19.13	-8.83
Covington	80	35	59	3	0.50	2	29.36	-11.78	17.22	-10.06
Dyersburg	82	37	62	5	0.25	2	24.73	-15.37	15.59	-11.53
Huntingdon_Wate	83	38	60	6	0.13	2	31.23	-11.86	22.54	-6.63
Jackson_Exp_Stn	84	38	61	5	0.45	2	37.62	-4.38	26.68	-1.89
Lexington_TN	82	38	59	4	0.44	1	34.31	-6.71	23.16	-4.51
Martin	83	39	62	7	0.83	2	30.59	-12.09	19.83	-9.44
Memphis_AG	83	38	62	3	0.52	2	38.81	-2.21	27.76	0.41
Milan	83	37	62	7	0.23	2	35.48	-8.24	24.97	-4.96
Paris	81	36	58	5	0.31	2	29.91	-12.28	20.21	-8.30
Savannah_6SW	83	39	60	3	0.12	2	39.06	-6.23	26.10	-3.55
Selmer	83	37	61	5	0.10	1	39.57	-5.00	26.78	-2.37
Union_City	82	36	60	6	0.53	2	30.90	-10.90	21.30	-7.15
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	84	41	61	7	0.00	0	26.65	-14.05	17.27	-9.61
Cookeville	81	39	59	6	0.00	0	47.14	0.96	32.01	1.03
Crossville_AP	76	43	60	8	0.00	0	38.09	-7.00	23.58	-6.31
Dickson_AG	81	41	60	5	0.05	1	35.08	-8.27	23.28	-5.89
Dover_1W	81	38	60	7	0.31	1	32.85	-9.61	22.16	-6.23
Fayetteville_TN	81	45	61	7	0.06	2	47.24	3.72	32.25	4.18
Jamestown	78	39	59	7	0.07	2	44.17	-0.70	28.45	-2.43
Kingston_Spring	84	40	59	7	0.24	1	37.22	-4.65	26.27	-1.47
Lewisburg	81	41	59	6	0.00	0	33.93	-10.58	23.24	-6.53
Livingston_WLIV	79	41	59	6	0.11	1	42.24	-0.67	25.99	-3.25
Lobelville	82	39	58	5	0.16	1	32.45	-11.92	21.82	-7.39
Murfreesboro_5N	81	39	58	4	0.07	1	40.00	-3.43	27.89	-1.60
Nashville_Metro	82	44	62	6	0.09	1	39.82	1.45	28.77	2.79
Oneida	79	40	59	9	0.04	1	42.90	-2.24	26.00	-5.12
Portland_TN	81	41	60	6	0.20	1	36.38	-5.25	24.70	-3.47
Pulaski_Water_P	79	36	58	2	0.00	0	42.92	-1.61	31.69	2.73
Shelbyville	81	44	60	5	0.04	1	39.97	-4.72	26.05	-3.59
Sparta_TN	81	40	59	6	0.11	2	42.02	-2.77	29.04	-1.03
Springfield	83	41	61	8	0.20	1	42.50	2.48	30.81	3.82
Springhill	85	42	59	6	0.11	1	40.15	-4.20	29.06	-0.50
Tullahoma	79	44	59	3	0.00	0	41.13	-4.71	27.76	-1.94
Waynesboro_TN	80	40	58	5	0.11	1	42.59	-3.69	30.75	0.43
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	81	50	64	8	0.01	1	43.63	0.19	29.30	1.76
Cleveland_6NNE	78	45	61	7	0.01	1	37.39	-7.23	25.82	-3.07
Dayton	78	40	60	5	0.05	1	46.30	0.80	31.97	2.67
Erwin_1W	79	38	58	8	0.82	1	46.49	5.50	35.79	6.45
Gatlinburg_2SW	75	39	57	6	0.24	1	47.99	0.88	31.42	-1.60
Greeneville	81	38	58	6	0.01	1	39.17	3.26	28.05	2.95
Kingston_AG	80	42	61	9	0.09	1	49.40	1.98	34.42	3.25
Knoxville_AP	80	45	62	8	0.08	1	45.76	7.11	29.97	4.78
Newcomb	80	40	58	7	0.05	1	42.65	-2.49	26.19	-4.93
Norris_4NE	81	44	60	7	0.00	0	45.05	2.01	28.54	-0.45
Tri-City_RGNL_A	81	40	60	8	0.00	0	40.84	6.61	30.11	6.36

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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